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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady on bagged consumer sized toms. Frozen hen trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Frozen demand light to fair consisting mostly of distributive interest. Fresh trading (with timer or equivalent) for November shipment centered on hens (8 loads) with a 85.25 cent ceiling and toms (12 loads) with a 83.25 cent ceiling for delivery West from the Midwest. Frozen trading light to fair centering in the Midwest. Offerings of toms light to instances ample mostly light to adequate, hens light to adequate with product the least available in the East. Further processed demand seasonally slowing on fresh tom breast meat resulting in some sellers lowering offering prices as they attempt to clear excess inventories. Bulk parts steady to fully steady with wings strongest.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading heavy on frozen thigh meat for October through November shipment and light on the balance of items. Demand light to good, mostly fair with best interest noted for Mexico on frozen thigh meat. Inquiry light to fair on drums, wings and mechanically separated turkey.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 19, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	79-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-79.25	79.25	79.25	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79	79	79.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-76	74.25	74.25	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-76	74	74.00	40	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	79-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-79	79	79.00	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	80	80.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-76	74	74.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-76	75	75.00	18	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 OCTOBER, 1999.

The market tone on fresh breast meat was steady, frozen was more available than fresh and was about steady. Thigh meat was steady. Supplies of parts were tight, however some price resistance was noted on the limited offerings. Fresh mechanically separated turkey was offered at lower trending prices. Availability of 4-8 lb breasts was tight, 8-12 lb breasts were fairly tight, 12-14 lb breasts were available at steady prices.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	110.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	25.22	54
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		F	18.00	94
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	153.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	158.00		158.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	63.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	108.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	56.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	20.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	F	20.72	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS			
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM			
TAILS			
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	R	20.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	F	62.50	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	97-102
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	97-102
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	85-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-87

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 OCTOBER 1999.

More than adequate supplies of fresh breast meat forced asking prices down in areas. Market tone weak. Thigh meat was mostly steady with some inquiries going unfilled. Hen and tom parts were tight and trades were at higher trending levels. Trade sentiment firm on very tight supplies of 4-8 lb breasts. Export trading was very heavy on thigh meat to the border, otherwise light.

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	23.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.20	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00-30.00		28.53	190
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	63.00		63.00	9
NECKS, TOM	18.00-22.00		18.57	140
NECKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	153.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	150.00-160.00		156.18	660
THIGH MEAT	62.00		62.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00-64.00		63.49	55
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	72.00		72.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	56.00-57.00		56.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00-20.00		19.44	180
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00-63.00		59.32	1,444

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA **W/E 10/20/99**

<u>POULTRY HEALTH BOARD</u>		<u>ACCUMULATED</u>	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1999-2000	3,331	74,932	75,282
1998-1999		117,313	117,313